for the years 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990- 91 are as under:

(Crs. of rupees)

Year	Million Tonnes	
	Quantum of raffic carried	Estimated Revenue forgone
1988-89	5.88	28.00
1989-90	5.95	26.77
1990-91	5.76	29.04

(c) The revenue forgone by the Railways is not compensated by subsidy or other means by any agency.

दूसरे राज्यों में केन्द्र सरकार के कर्मचारियों के लिए आवास

856. **श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग :** क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) विभिन्न राज्यों में राज्य-वार आदान-प्रदान के आधार पर केन्द्र सरकार के कर्मचारियों को कितने आवासगृह उपलब्ध कराये गये हैं ;

(ख) केन्द्र सरकार द्वारा विभिन्न राज्यों में लिये गये आवास गृहों के बदले में इन राज्यों की दिल्ली में राज्यवार कितने आवासगृह दिये जाने का प्रावधान किया गया है, साथ ही इसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) इस प्रावधान के क्या आधार हैं ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम. अरूणाचलम) : (क) से(ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Self sufficiency in edible oils

857. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated quantity and value of edible oils proopsed to be imported during the current year; and

(b) what measures are being taken to reduce imports for making the country self reliant?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No decision has been taken by the Government in this regard as yet.

(b) The Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) of the Government of India aims at increasing the production of oilseeds in the country. Efforts are also being made to introduce cultivation of new crops like oil palm and to improve the efficiency of processing and edible oil extraction. These measures are being taken to reduce edible oil imports and make the country self-reliant.

Financial assistance to new sugar Co-operative factories

858. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cost of machinery of sugar factory has increased considerably; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take for extending financial assistance to the new sugar cooperative factories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Central Government does not give any financial assistance for establishment of new sugar factories. However, the Central Financial Institutions grant loans to new sugar factories after due appraisal of their projects.

Setting up sugar factories in Maharashtra

859. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Maharashtra has forwarded 119 proposals of co-operative Sugar factories;

(b) if so, by when the final decision would be taken thereon;

(c) whether it is also a fact that loans from the sugar development fund for cane development are not available to the new sugar factories; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take to solve the problems of inadequate cane availability in the factories located in the non-traditional cane pockets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) After the issue of the Licensing Policy guidelines for the 7th Five Year Plan on 2.1.1987, Government of Maharashtra has forwarded 163 proposals for setting up of new sugar factories in the cooperative sector in Maharashtra State. Out of these, as on 30.6.1991, 125 proposals are still pending with the Government.

The licensing Policy guidelines for Sugar Industry are presently being reviewed by the Government. These applications would be considered as per policy formulated after the aforesaid review.

(c) and (d) Loans from Sugar Development Fund for cane development schemes are normally not given until the trial crushing is over. Licencees are themselves required to take up appropriate cane development programme in the operational areas of new sugar factories in order to enable them to get adequate quantity of cane for crushing.

860. [*Transferred to 1st August, 1991*]

Criteria for sanctioning new railway lines

861. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the criteria for sanctioning the new railway lines;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government of Maharashtra recommended Bir-Ahmednagar, Parli Vaijnath Railway line about 20 years back;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not sanctioning the above railway line;

(d) whether Government propose to raise the funds as has been done in the case of Konkan Railway Project;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if the answer to part (d) above be in negative the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The National Transport Policy Committee (NTPC) in their Report submitted in May, 1980 had recommended the following criteria for new line projects:—

(i) Project-oriented lines to serve new industries or tap mineral or other resources.

(ii) To serve as a missing link which can form alternative routes to relieve the congestion on exsiting busy rail routes.

(iii) On strategic considerations.